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'AN OBSCENE SPECTACLE'

I am happy to say that there have been a number of comments, since the President announced his forthcoming exchange of visits with Boss Khrushchev, which make one especially proud to be an American. Chief among those willing to buck the official trend has been the New York *Daily News*. It said frankly that it would be an "obscene spectacle" - which it certainly is - to see the President of the United States "clasping hands with a murderer." As for the President's admon-

ition that we be nice to Khrushchev, the *Daily News* suggests that it is possible to be icily courteous, which I think is good advice.

In the House and Senate, a few brave voices were raised. On the Republican side, Senator Styles Bridges - who successfully blocked an appearance before Congress by Khrushchev's stooge Kozlov - declared his opposition to the whole notion of welcoming Mr. K. to the United States. Congressman Walter Judd reminded us that the visit is a

major victory for the Kremlin boss "in his relentless political offensive to soften up the West." On the Democratic side, Senator Thomas Dodd of Connecticut called the President's invitation a "national disgrace" - and reminded us that Khrushchev has on his hands the blood of millions of people who were murdered under his direction. And right from the horse's mouth - from a lady who was once a Communist Party leader here in America - came the declaration that this is one of the biggest mistakes we have ever made. She said pictures of Ike and Khrushy will be spread far and wide in the captive nations and "those enslaved people will no longer look upon America as the last

bastion of freedom. They will think we have capitulated to the Reds."

Who sold the President on this exchange of visits? A few months ago he expressed great doubt that anything good could come out of any top-level meetings with the Red leader. Now he says he thought the whole thing up himself. Well, maybe he thinks he did. But a dispatch from Paris to the *New York Times* rather let the cat out of the bag. It said the President chose his course "*strongly urged and backed by the British Government.*" And so, once again, our foreign policy is being formed by our so-called ally, Britain - even to the extent of opening our arms to the bloody Red Czar of Russia.

RICKOVER'S WARNING

In the next few weeks, the public schools - to the distress of the youngsters and the delight of their mothers - will be opening again. And we will no doubt have a renewal of the debate which has been raging for several years now. With all the money we spend on education, are the schools really educating our youngsters? Fortunately, all the discussion has brought about

some reforms and improvements in certain spots. But on the whole, our public school systems are still pretty much at the mercy of the entrenched modern educationists. And it is going to take a lot of work on the part of parents, teachers and taxpayers to return the schools to their real function - which is turning out educated and thinking young Americans, instead of

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"life-adjusted" little pinks.

In this connection, I was very much interested in the remarks of Admiral H.G. Rickover following his visit to Soviet Russia and Communist Poland. Admiral Rickover, as you know, is the father of the atomic submarine. But he has also taken a deep interest in American educational processes. He says that "our really great race with the Soviet Union is in education." Now Admiral Rickover, because he has been severely critical of what has been going on in American schools, has been made into a sort of villain by the National Education Association and the modern educationists. In an effort to discredit anyone who crit-

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icizes their methods and theories, they twist and distort the Admiral's words. They dub him and all others who want to improve our schools as "enemies of public education."

So when Admiral Rickover says that our great race with the Soviet Union is in education, it must be understood that he is not advocating that we imitate either the Soviet school system or the Soviet political system. On the contrary, he wants American schools to cut out the nonsense and the frills with which the educationists have filled them, and start turning out young Americans who will be intellectually a match for their Soviet counterparts. For instance, Admiral Rickover found that Red high school students preparing for college, know as much when they graduate from high school as our students do after spending two years in our colleges. He said that a million and a half high-school graduates in Russia passed an examination in which only about two percent of American high-school graduates could make the grade.

In Communist Poland, youngsters go to school six days a week for ten months of the

year. And they work hard. They do not, as the Admiral said, take courses in "How to Find a Mate." In fact, the Admiral said he searched far and wide in Russia and Poland and could not find a single drum majorette. Yet I know of

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schools here in the United States where a youngster who can barely stumble through a newspaper paragraph, graduates from high school with credits for being able to twirl a baton.

FEDERAL SCHOOL SNOOPERS

Here are a couple of examples of the sort of nonsense which is going on in American schools. This one was dreamed up by the Federal Office of Education in Washington - and is an instance of what we can expect if we permit the federal bureaucrats to dip any further into our local schools. It is a so-called "talent test" which is being tried out in various parts of the country. One of the places it was tried was in Houston, Texas. The test was given to 9th-grade students - until the citizens and parents of Houston rose in their wrath and got the test thrown out of their schools. But I understand it has been, and will be, tried in other schools around the country.

Here are some of the questions the federal-education snoopers were putting to 14- and 15-year-old youngsters, and at the same time insert-

ing quite a few very odd ideas in their minds. They wanted to know if the child's mother was a good housekeeper; how much the parents' home cost; how many cars the family owned; whether the parents went to church; did the child feel anyone cared what happened to him or her; was it fair to bring children into the world; who should a girl blame if she gets in trouble on a date. There was a whole lot more of the same, including (I'm not making this up) - does the child enjoy soaking in the bathtub! Do not ask me what all this has to do with a test for talent, because I don't know, and I suspect whoever invented the test doesn't really know either.

And out in one of the schools of the Los Angeles school system, a teacher conducted a survey among his high-school class involving

questions on the most intimate sex experiences - and put the results on the blackboard. It seems to me it is pretty nearly time that sex education - and soaking in the bathtub - be left to the home and parents, and that the schools concentrate on teaching American children history, geography, lang-

uages, science, mathematics - to say nothing of how to read, write and spell.

As for the cost of your home, or whether or not you go to church, or how many cars you have, or how good a housekeeper you are - these educationist snoopers should be told: None of your business!
- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 8/16/59

Book Review

PATRIOT WITHOUT MEDALS

I LED THREE LIVES by Herbert A. Philbrick, 323 pages, Grosset & Dunlap, N.Y. \$1.49.

Herbert Philbrick's amazing story, first published in 1952, continues to sell - so much so that it has been reissued, still in hard covers, at a considerably reduced price. It richly deserves this honor. This is not a book to read and discard. It is a book to read and reread. It tells a story that could have happened only in our times - in times when the challenge of the Red conspiracy calls for patriots ready to give of valor above and beyond the call of duty - with no medal of honor in the offing. On

the contrary, they are likely to be vilified and sneered at by "liberal"-leftist cliques.

It was Philbrick's testimony which helped convict the 11 communist leaders who came to trial before Judge Harold R. Medina in New York. It was a wondrous thing to watch the consternation on the faces of The Eleven as the man they considered one of their top-flight comrades began to testify for the government - as an FBI informant!

His appearance at the trial in Foley Square ended, for Philbrick, a triple career which began nine years earlier. He was a young advertising executive who became

chairman of a youth group in Melrose, a suburb of Boston. He soon discovered the group had been taken over by the Reds. He went to the FBI. They asked him to stay in the club to discover what the Reds were up to. Thus began his three lives - as an open citizen and business executive raising an American family, as an unpaid counterspy for the FBI, and as a communist who rose in the Party and in the Red underground to posts which made him and the information he collected invaluable to the protectors of his country's security.

It was a strange and

perilous experience. This story of those nine years is one which we wish could be read by every editor, judge, teacher, publicist and politician who thinks communism is anything less than a conspiracy - and by every young American under the age of 40 whose professors and journals have made them complacent foils of the Red plotters. For the rest, I LED THREE LIVES has all the elements of pure melodrama, with the added piquancy of stark reality. No wonder the long TV series based on this book is still run and re-run.

- Rosalie Gordon

A MODERN FABLE

"You remember the town in the fable - each family had a comfortable living doing the next door neighbor's washing, and when they wanted more money, all they did was raise the price of a washing.

"Twenty-two million Americans draw U. S. Government checks. Include their dependents and you probably have close to a majority of all Americans getting federal money - voting more and more benefits for themselves; voting you deeper and deeper in debt.

"Of course the people in the washermen's town, who thought they could have more money by just voting it to themselves, were crazy..."

- From an advertisement of Warner & Swasey Company, Cleveland, Ohio

U.S. Government's deficit, fiscal 1958-59 - \$12,500,000,000.
U.S. Government's debt, July 31, 1959 - \$285,000,000,000.

SPELL IT OUT

Mr. James M. Cleary, an advertising company executive and former official of the *Chicago Tribune*, has a fine suggestion regarding the use of the Fifth Amendment by the assorted crooks, creeps and commies who appear before legislative and judicial bodies. The Fifth Amendment is part of our Constitution, and nobody wishes to deny its protection to decent Americans.

But, says Mr. Cleary, let's stop saying of these other characters that "he took the Fifth Amendment. It's a sloppy makeshift for the fact it conceals. You could not use a phrase better designed to protect, comfort, and please the hoodlums and crooks

you are fighting...If you will take a few words to spell it out, the rotten situation comes out in its true colors...Use instead variations of this: 'He testified under oath that a truthful reply to this question would tend to incriminate him.'"

The *Chicago Tribune* says it is taking Mr. Cleary's advice and hereafter, "whenever any of our news stories deal with witnesses who say they won't answer a question for fear their words will land them in the penitentiary we'll make sure that the readers get the point." We pass the word along for others who would like to emulate the *Tribune's* example.

'Put none but Americans on guard tonight!' - Geo. Washington

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